THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Construction of this road was taken up by the Border Roads Organisation in 1978, on behalf of the Ministry of Surface Transport under the Sensitive Border Area (SBA) Scheme, on Agency basis.

(b) Temporary bridges and culverts have beeen constructed but no surfacing work has been executed, as this was not within the scope of the work entrusted to Border Roads Organisation.

(c) and (d) A sum of Rs. 860 lakhs has been incurred on the construction works and Rs. 20 lakh on maintenance, upto March 1992. As present, this is an unsurfaced fair weather motorable road.

Export of defence items

1811. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific items of defence industries which are being exported at present;

(b) the value of defence exports during the last 3 years; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase defence exports?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) While the full range of products of Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories and the defence related products of the civil sector is available for export subject to contractual restrictions regarding items produced under licence, strategic considerations and the need to meet the requirement of the Defence Srvices, the specific items exported so far include aircraft and spare parts, electronic components and communication equipment, explosives & Chemicals, software items, etc.

(b) The value of exports (including Deemed Exports) by the Defence Production units during the last 3 years is as follow:—

Year	Value of exports (Rs. in crores)
1989-90	80.18
1990-91	78.94
1991-92	101.26

(c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase defence exports include poiicy and procedural liberalisation marketing efforts through Indian Missions abroad or by the production agencies as well as other export agenceis, sales/publicity measures such as participation in foreign exhibitions, exchange of delegations etc.

N.C.C. network in rural areas

1812. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who have been enrolled in the junior and senior divisions of N.C.C. in 1991-92 in Army, Navy and Air Wings;

(b) whether Goverment propose to expend N.C.C. network in rural areas in preference to urban areas; and

(c) the annual expenditure on N.C.C. for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) A total of 3,94,330 Senior Division & Senior Wing (Girl) Cadets and 6,59,724 Junior Division & Junior Wing (Girl) Cadets were enrolled in 1991-92.

(b) The Ministry of Defence has authorised an additional Cadet strength of 50,000 during the VIII plan period, Director General, NCC, has been directed to give priority to Navodaya Vidyalayas, districts which are not covered by NCC at present and rural areas, in preference to urban areas.

(c) The NCC is funded jointly by the Centre and the States/Union Territory Administrations. The expenditure incurred under the relevant Sub Head of account for NCC in the Ministry of Defence budget for the past three years is as below:

1989-90	Rs. 16,04 crores
1990-91	*Rs. 15,32 crores*
1991-92	Rs. 63.25 crores

For 1989-90 and 1990-91, only expenditure relating to pay and allowances of Associate NCC Officers, clothing for Cadets, camp expenditure etc. were booked against the Sub Head of account. From 1991-92, all expenditure relating to NCC is being booked under this Sub Head.

The above figures do not include the expenditure incurred by other Ministries in the Centre on NCC in schools/colleges run by them and the expenditure booked by the States in their respective budgets.

Trials of Arjun Tank

1813. DR. *ABRAR AHMED:*
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recently concluded summer trials on the main battle tank, "Arjun", have confirmed that the tank has major technical problems and needs to undertake futher technical trials in 1993 summer;

(b) if so, whether it will effect in any way the production schedule of Arjun tentatively fixed for 1993; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The recently concluded summer trials have given very encouraging results. These trials have proved that the major problems encountered during 1991 trials have been overcome. The minor problems noticed during these trials are being simultaneously attended-to so as improve the reliability of the tank. 6 Pre-production series tanks are likely to be tried out by the Army for troops trials during 1993 summer. The bulk production of ARJUN will commence after successful completion of troops trials during 1993 summer.

(c) The project is already being very closely monitored by a high powered three tier management structure to overcome any problem arising during development and trial stage.

Setting up of food processing industries in Maharashtra

1814. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) details of proposals to set up food processing industries received by the Union Government from Maharashtra during last one year, proposals cleared with estimated cost, location and other details:

(b) details of proposals from Maharashtra pending and action taken thereon: and

(c) whether new policy regarding food processing has been formulated to encourage growth of such industry and export promotion; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) One proposal for grant of financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 57.10 lakhs was received from the Government of Maharashtra during 1991-92 and the same has been approved. In addition to this, one 100 per cent EOU project relating to pre-cooling of grapes by M/s. Shriram Grapes Cooperative Society Ltd., Pippalgaon has been approved. Government have also approved a joint venture proposal submitted by M/s. JMPRCO Ltd., a company incorporated in Hongkong having NRI equity share hold of 60 per cent and 40 per cent by M/s. Coca Cola Co., South Asia Holdings, wholly owned subsidiary of the Coca Cola Co of USA with M-s. Britannia Industries